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Introduction of GIAN Network
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIANs) scheme to improve the quality of education in higher education institutions of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the provision has been made to hire services of international faculties to enhance knowledge and skills of students in higher education institutions;
(d) if so, the number of international faculties imparting education of different courses; and
(e) the number of countries from where services of international faculties have been hired so far and the State/UT-wise details of higher education institutions where international faculty members are rendering their services?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India launched a scheme named Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) on 30th November 2015 with an objective to garner the best international experience into our system of education, enable interaction of students and faculty with the best academic and industry experts from all over the world.
(c) & (d): Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) scheme is used to bring in foreign academicians to teach courses in higher education institutions. Each course proposal is a one week (12 to 14 hours) or two week (24 to 28 hours) course which is taught by a Foreign Faculty in an Indian academic Institution. As on 16th March 2017, 631 courses have been conducted in which 631 foreign faculty have participated.
(e): The services of international faculties from 45 countries have been hired so far. State/UTwise details of higher education institutions in which GIAN programmes have been conducted are annexed.